

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 37, 54, and 72. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 37-72 remain pending and under current examination. In the Final Office Action¹ mailed November 25, 2008, the Examiner repeated the rejection of claims 37-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,542,733 B1 ("Dennis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,360,108 B1 ("Rogers"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

Rejection of Claims 37-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 37-72 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dennis in view of Rogers. Neither Dennis nor Rogers, whether taken alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least Applicants' claimed method, comprising:

wherein said first configuration comprises identifiers organized with the insertion of an identification code of an operator selected by the user of the terminal,

wherein said second configuration comprises identifiers organized with the inclusion of at least one of a country prefix and a local prefix, and

wherein the modified identifiers are stored in the terminal (as recited in claim 37, with similar recitations in claim 54).

Instead, Dennis discloses a user of a telephone (*i.e.*, a subscriber) adding numbers to a telephone profile, so that when the subscriber, for example, dials an abbreviated number, "the call will be completed by [a] wireless network 14, which will add the required digits, such as by prepending '999-555' to the to the dialed '1234' number." Dennis, col. 5, lines 49-52 (emphasis

¹ The Final Office Action contains statements characterizing the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statements are specifically identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statements in the Final Office Action.

added). That is, in Dennis, the network “determines what information must be added to complete [a] call.” Dennis col. 4, lines 47-49. The wireless network uses this determined information to complete the call. See Dennis, col. 4, lines 14-26. Additionally, Dennis discloses that users may add and save numbers to a personal profile stored on a network SCP. See Dennis, col. 5, lines 23-51. The SCP is a database in the network. See Dennis, Abstract and col. 4, lines 60-64. Therefore, Dennis does not teach or suggest “...wherein the modified identifiers are stored in the terminal,” (claim 37, emphasis added, with similar recitations in claim 54).

Furthermore, Rogers does not cure the deficiencies of Dennis. For example, Rogers discloses that a “prefix storage area 128 is used to store one or more prefixes that may be predefined by the telephone service provider, or added by the user.” Rogers, col. 4, lines 15-17. Rogers further discloses that the system “automatically pre-pends the digits from the prefix storage area 128 for any seven digit partial destination telephone number manually entered by the user via the keypad 118 or recalled from the telephone number storage area.” Rogers, col. 5, lines 50-53. That is, upon entry of a partial telephone number by a user, Rogers teaches pre-pending the additional digits necessary to complete a telephone call. However, Rogers does not teach or suggest “...wherein the modified identifiers are stored in the terminal,” (claim 37, with similar recitations in claim 54).

In view of the reasoning presented above, Applicants submit that independent claim 37 is not obvious over Dennis and Rogers, whether taken alone or in combination. Independent claim 37 should therefore be allowable. Independent claim 54, while of different scope, recites elements similar to those of independent claim 37, and should also be allowable. Dependent claims 38-53 and 72, and 55-71, respectively, depend from independent claims 37 and 54, and

should be allowable at least by virtue of their dependence therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 37-72.

Conclusion:

Applicants request reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejection. Pending claims 37-72 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants request a favorable action.

If there are any remaining issues or misunderstandings, Applicants request the Examiner telephone the undersigned representative to discuss them.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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